

Child Care and Early Education Profile: 2023

55th State Senate District Senator Jason Plummer

A Snapshot of Children in State Senate District 55

15,464 Children 0 to 5 } **77%** of children 0 to 5 live in households where all parents work
19,485 Children 6 to 12
34,949 Total children under 13

What child care options are available to families?



51 Child care centers can serve up to **4,144** children



87 Licensed child care homes can serve up to **879** children



62 License-exempt home caregivers can serve around **137** children

How much are families paying for child care?

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: **\$83,809**

INFANT: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$7,709**



Center-based: **\$11,218**

This is **9%-13%** of a family's income.

PRESCHOOLER: Average annual price of licensed care



Home-based: **\$7,143**



Center-based: **\$8,531**

This is **9%-10%** of a family's income.

The cost of center care rivals college tuition: **\$14,579**

What programs support children & families in your district?

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (IDHS)

480 children age 0-2

491 children age 3-5

500 children age 6-12

1,480 children served

\$5,241,352

in total CCAP payments to providers in the district

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), funded through IDHS, helps families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (ISBE)

8 Prevention Initiative programs

385 children age 0-2

40 Preschool for All programs

1,868 children age 3-5

2,253 children served

The Early Childhood Block Grant is funded by ISBE to help programs provide high-quality early education opportunities through Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) services for infants, toddlers, and expectant families.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

5 Early Head Start sites

149 children age 0-2

7 Head Start sites

414 children age 3-5

563 children served

Head Start programs for 3- and 4-year-olds, along with Early Head Start for infants and toddlers, are federally-funded early education programs for families living below the poverty line and designed to meet the comprehensive needs of families.

For source information on the data cited in this profile, please email:

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